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WILLIAMS FIRE DOG RETURNS TO BALDWIN PARK ANIMAL CARE CENTER

Baldwin Park, CA.... It has been only five months since being adopted from the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center and now, she is back in the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control's (DACC) care. "Baby Doll," a one and a half year-old female Husky mix had been calling Camp Wilson in Azusa (91702) her home, with her family, until fire broke out and sent them scrambling for safety.

"Baby Doll's owner called us from the Red Cross shelter yesterday and asked if we could care for the dog while she and her family stayed with the Red Cross," said Marcia Mayeda, DACC director. "We sent an officer to meet them and pick up Baby Doll yesterday afternoon. That is when we learned that the dog was actually adopted from us in April of this year," Mayeda said. The owner is Andrea Obole of Azusa. She's married and has three young children, who are staying at the Red Cross shelter as well.

DACC provides disaster care services for pets living within their service area, who have become displaced when their human family check into a Red Cross shelter or a hotel that doesn't allow pets.

DACC reminds pet owners to include their pets in the family's disaster plan. Although a microchip is highly recommended, at a minimum maintain an ID tag on your pet's collar. Keep a picture of your pet(s), a copy of the vaccination records, a 3-5 day supply of fresh water and a spill proof bowl. "A little planning can make a big difference following a disaster," Mayeda stated.

Baby Doll will be cared for by DACC staff and volunteers at the Baldwin Park animal care center until the family is allowed to safely return to their home.

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Baby Doll is being cared for at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center while her owners stay at the Red Cross shelter.



The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control is the largest animal care and control agency in the United States with centers in: Downey, Baldwin Park, Carson, Castaic, Lancaster and Agoura Hills, in addition to the Antelope Valley Pet Adoption Center, located in Lancaster.